Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—Has the Hon'ble Member got it with him?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—It is in my office.

President.—Do these Aminadars delay in certifying?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I have heard some complaints about Aminadars, but for want of proof I could not deal with them, I don't claim any special immunity from human failings for the officers of my department but the difficulty is to get evidence. I am trying my very best to take severe measures, but then it is very difficult to get evidence, Whenever I find an incident of that kind, I punish them,

Importations of foreign jaggery into the State.

445. **Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.**—(a) Is the Government aware that jaggery is being imported into our State in large quantities from Travancore and British Malabar? If so, what is the quantity annually imported? If the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to make enquiries and state the quantity of jaggery annually imported?

(b) Is the Government aware of the disabilities attending jaggery tapping in our State?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to make inquiries and state why foreign jaggery is sold cheaper here than home made jaggery?

(d) Is any duty imposed upon jaggery imported by the Travancore Government, and does our Government impose any duty upon jaggery imports?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(a) Jaggery is being imported from Travancore and British Malabar. No statistics are available, and an enquiry of the kind suggested is not practicable.

(b) Government are not aware of any. In fact no real disabilities exist.

(c) The matter will be referred to the Economic Development Committee for investigation.

(d) No information is available as regards the first part of the question. The Cochin Government do not levy any duty on imported jaggery.

Complaints from tappers about the conduct of the Excise Officers.

446. **Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.**—(a) Has the Government received any petition during the last 6 years from tappers,

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complaining about the action of the Excise Officers? If so, how many and when?

(b) What action has the Government taken for redressing their grievances?

(c) Was any evidence taken regarding the complaints stated in the petitions? If so, what was the nature of the evidence taken and with what result?

(d) Were the petitioners in any case ready to adduce evidence to prove the allegations in their petitions? Were they ordered to produce the same? If not, why not? If they were so ordered, did they produce any evidence? Were any witnesses examined? Will the Government be pleased to place the papers connected with that petition on the table and the decision of the Government thereon? To which place did the petitioners belong? Where was the inquiry conducted, and why was it conducted there?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.— (a), (b), (c) and (d) :—

No such petition was received in or after 1099.

Information regarding petitions received and disposed of prior to 1099 is not available now, as such petition files are destroyed two years after disposal.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—Now, does the Hon'ble Member answer this question?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—If the question had been properly framed, I would have given proper answers. The question is "Has the Government received any petition during the last 6 years from tappers complaining about the action of the Excise Officers? If so, how many and when?" The Government is not the Excise Superintendent.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I think the Heads of Departments are the Government themselves, since they answer the questions put to the Government.

President.—They are a part of the Government.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—For answering the question, has the Government or the Excise Commissioner received it?

Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—May I know whether the question is in order? Does it not include the Excise Superintendent?

President.—The Government is the Diwan's Office. Our Head Office is the Secretariat Office.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I took it in that sense.

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Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—So I am to take it that asking questions like that does not include petitions to the several Heads of Departments.

Gosha Ladies.

447. മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുഞ്ഞുമുഹമ്മദ്.—ഈ സംസ്ഥാനത്തു് ഘോഷകളായി വല്ല സമുദായത്തിലെ സ്ത്രീകളേയും ഗവമ്മേണ്ടു് പരിഗണിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അച്യുതമേനോൻ.—ഉണ്ടു്.

൪൪൨. മിസ്റ്റർ. പി. കുഞ്ഞുമുഹമ്മദ്.— വല്ല സമുദായത്തിലെ സ്ത്രീകളെ ഘോഷകളായി ഗണിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ആ സമുദായങ്ങളുടെ ഒരു ലിസ്റ്റ് മേശപ്പുറത്തുവെക്കുവാൻ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനു് ഭയവുണ്ടാകുമൊ!

മിസ്റ്റർ. കെ. അച്യുതമേനൊൻ.—നമ്പൂതിരി, മൂത്തതു്, ഇളയതു് ഇവരുടെ സ്ത്രീകൾ. റജിസ്ട്രേഷൻ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിൽ ഘോഷകളായി ഗണിക്കുവാൻ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടന്ന മുഹമ്മതീയ സ്ത്രീകളെ അപ്രകാരം ഗണിച്ചു വരാറുണ്ടു്.

൪൪൩. മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുഞ്ഞുമുഹമ്മദ്—(എ) ഘോഷകളായിവല്ലവരെയും ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു് ഗണിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അവർക്കു ഘോഷകളല്ലാത്തസ്ത്രീകളെക്കാൾ കൂടുതലായി വല്ലആനുകൂല്യങ്ങളും ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു് ചെയ്തുകൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടൊ?

(ബി) അങ്ങിനെ വല്ല ആനുകൂല്യങ്ങളും ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതുകളുടെ വിവരം മെശപ്പുറത്തു് വെക്കുവാൻ ഗവമ്മേണ്ടനു് കരുണയുണ്ടാകുമൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അച്യുതമെനൊൻ.—ഉണ്ടു(ബ) സിവിൽ നടപടിനിയമം ൧൯൰ാം വകുപ്പും ക്രിമിനൽ നടപടിനിയമം ൧൯൨൩ാംവകുപ്പും നൊക്കുക.

Official Receivers.

450. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(i) What expenses the State has hitherto incurred for maintaining each of the 2 establishments of Official Receivers under

(a) salary,

(b) other heads;

(ii) What income the State has hitherto derived from each of the 2 establishments of Official Receivers;

(iii) Whether the Government intends to continue the said establishments?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(i) (a) Rs. 3,838—7—1 up to Dhanu 1101 (inclusive).

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